GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR INFANT WELFARE PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal by World Bank for providing financial assistance to India for Infant's Welfare Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits that are likely to accrue as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) The World Bank is committed to provide financial assistance to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, to improve infant and child health care under the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH II) Programme which is a centrally sponsored scheme covering all States and Union Territories.

(b) The total World Bank financing for this project is proposed to be 360 million U.S. Dollars.

(c) The RCH II programme aims to reduce Infant Mortality to below 30 per thousand live births by year 2010.